### THE ASSASSIN

Something About Guiteau and and the Bulldog Pistol.

District Attorney Corkhill's Estimate of His Mental Calibre.

An Egotist Without any Inclination for Morals or Affairs.

His Mind Affected by the Abuse Heaped Upon Garfield.

Cincinati Enquirer. New York, September 27 .- I returned to New York this morning, having had the benefit of three reflective days at the national capital following the removal of President Garfield's remains. The last of the fussy politicians had gone to Cleveland, and there was a thoughtful temper in the air of Washington. One

of the first things I did was to telephone to the district attorney, Corkhill, an old acquaintance, and appoint a talk with him. He is the only person in the country, except possibly the jailer, who has had any prolonged conversation with the assassin Guiteau, and reports of conversation with that malefactor are either invented or snatched and built up on a glimpse of his person.

I went to the district attorney's office, and spent about two hours there alone with him, inspecting the implements of the crime and obtainimplements of the crime and obtaining Mr. Corkhill's theory concerning it. Corkhill is, I think, a native of the Isle-of-Man, between the Irish, Scotch and English coasts. The people are called Manxmen. I think he came to this country when a child, though it is possible he may have been born after his Manx parents came here. He was a lawyer in Iowa, and married the eldest daughter of Judge Miller, of the supreme court in Iowa. He has since married the step-daughter of the late Hiram Walbridge, of New York, who was a very close friend of Horace Greeley. Mr. Corkhill came to Washington City about twelve years ago and published the Daily Chronicle. He was appointed United States district attorney by President Hayes, at the request of Judge Miller. He is about 45 years old, with a round head and very broad face, and sufficient address, incisive, and with pertinacity enough to make a good prosecutor. It is barely possible, however, that he lacks the real dislike and hate of the assassin necessary to express to a jury the reality of his crime. After Mr. Corkhill took his office,

and long before the assassination of Mr. Garfield, he had engaged to write a legal analysis of the crime of Booth, the killer of Mr. Lincoln. He had prepared scrap-books of newspapers and printed matter and original testimony for this purpose, when he sud-denly found himself face to face with a presidential assassin himself.

Mr. Corkhill began by opening a a white bone handle, a very thick, squarish assemblage of metal at the revolving part and a short barrel, with a sight at the end of it. The whole thing was about five and a half inches long by nearly four inches from the end of the handle to the top of the trigger, but was rather a clumsy pistol, made of common materials by some English or American manufacturer with some knowledge of its chief. market. To a boor or a town rowdy this pistol would seem a very handsome thing. An expert in revelvers would notice the coarse finish upon it undertake." and the largeness of the parts. Pushed in beneath the pistol was a sort of hoop of metal inclosing the trigger. On top of the barrel was a string of letters, beneath which issued the terrible ball, saying, "English bull-dog." Nowhere around the pistol could any they could make a good, big profit by retailing it for \$10. I doubt if the pistol alone cost the gun-shop man over \$5, if so much.

"Look out!" said the district attorney; "all the cartridges are in there loaded, except the two Guiteau fired at the president."

erably thicker than a lead-pencil. "There you have the weapon," said

"As a great many steries have been told about this assassination which have no basis in fact, and are either mistakes or inventions, I will show you how Garfield was murdered with this weapon." He then sent for a series of maps of the depot building, one of which was on the largest scale and had traced upon it all the movements of the respective parties, so confirmed by Guiteau himself. "This pistol," said Mr. Corkhill, "was pistol," said Mr. Corkhill, "was and class-meeting talk. Guiteau went bought for the purpose of this murder at 5 o'clock on the morning that he was to kill Garfield. He went to the foot of Seventeenth street, near the foot of Seventeenth st coln, and he fired at a mark. Having satisfied himself that the pistol turned properly in its shell and would fire traight, he waited until it was time or the president to go to the depot, hired a carriage, went to the depot, and took a seat here in the ladies' room (pointing to the spot) When the president came in Guiteau got behind him so close that when he a good deal of stress on all things, reached out his arm, as I do with this and Christianity is run down by pistol, it was not more than three or means of them. four feet from the president's "He speaks of corrupt books, and body. It was that first shot says that Tom Paine's 'Age of Reabody, staggered, and for a moment bent him up before he fell. No other shot entered his body afterward, though Guiteau did fire again. The president not immediately falling, and the assassin being completely intent on finishing the deed fired, and the shot passed, as the president was sinking down. This shot did not enter his body at all. There was a traveling glazier in the larger was a traveled fight of circulation; that it was a crime, because it demoralized the conscience of young people. There is not a single idea in the book above the ordinary stupid, yet well-meaning, exhorter or class-leader, and, as far as I could see, not a single point of originality. His having published any books will, in some quarters, create an interest in him. ter his body at ali. There was a trav- create an interest in him.

and it frightened him. While he was appears to value everything he does wondering there was another shot, at the highest. I should call him an thought that Emery Storrs yearned to

took off his pack in the evening to see ately fastened upon it and carried it how much glass was broken he found into effect." this lead from the second cartridge, which had probably gone over Garfield's shoulder as he was failing and struck that pack of glass. There is no doubt whatever,' said Mr, Cork-Garfield; that he never indulged in an hill, "that this piece of lead you are instant's feeting of spite against them. holding was the second shot about He wanted to be consul to Paris, and

and more significant, for these are not wholly absorbed by the other idea." full length pictures.

my hand, and observed at once that the type of the assassin was French.
He looked to one like a low French.
White House from the opposite man-like those around the barriers square, and particularly watched the of Paris-one who would steal or eat newspapers to find out the movements diseased meat, or espy the police in of the president. After this idea took both directions whenever he came out of his house. The eye had in it the confession of a spirit with serious intentions, yet no province of work or the president. After this idea took possession of him it would hardly have been possible to save Garfield. It seems to me the man had put the whole remnant of his will into the deapplication; the eye of such a French-man as might in times of socialism was in Guiteau being arrested and dishave a following, or create for himself a small and radical notoriety some-where between the faubourgs and to himself, however, not trusting anynewspapers. His hair was cropped body in the world with his intention, and his beard, which extended around and therefore when the act was done the chops and jaw, and also assumed it looked to many like a conspiracy, the likeness of a mustache, was very and took everybody by surprise. thin, as if the natural soil of the man's that arch indicative of obstinacy of like this was yet relevant to the facts purpose. His nose was short and of the day" broad. His perceptive bumps above his eyebrows were pretty good, but the line between them, coming down the middle of the forehead, was deeply cut, as if mental worry and the loss of memory had wrinkled him the more ware large master. The eyes were large master, and the loss of memory had wrinkled him the remember that before Garfield was also there was a good deal of hard. there. The eyes were large, unsatis- shot there was a good deal of hard fied, introspective, as if they turned within himself and found nething there that did not throw them out again with the world, yet thinking of the wreck he was. The forehead was pondents were sent to Washington for the world was a good deal of nard comment upon him. Perhaps the majority of republican newspapers were invidious and censorious. A few pondents were sent to Washington for the was a good deal of nard comment upon him. Perhaps the majority of republican newspapers were invidious and censorious. rather low, but broad, and the ears stood out stubby and belligerent. He is such a looking man as you might ning, malice, and many other things. expect to find some night fumbling in your bureau for valuables, who would first stop to explain that it was a mistake about his being there, and would next try to thrust a knife into you if he found you had him in a corner. The face was blasted with all its hopes deferred until the world seemed to hove closed around him and left noth-

lar agencies of politics. He is no more crazy than any of the people we have seen who have told us that on a certain day or night God had pardoned all their sins; that they felt them slide off. I remember an felt them slide off. I remember an an interpretation of the seen in the seen old kinsman of mine, who was a clergy-man of the Methodist church, who will also concede that I have my duty his back and made him a new creature. I couldn't say he was a crazy man, nor could I say that he lied. That is all the assumption Guiteau makes of craziness - that he received by inspiration the idea that he must kill Garfield in order to unite the broken columns of the republican party. He says it took hold of him as nothing over did before, and he felt that he was going to do a great deed which no one else in the country would dare

"Well, colonel, there must be some thing peculiar about the man to drive have no right to inquire whether I him to assume such a commission, even if it had been a good one."

"There comes in," said the district Nowhere around the pistol could any mark be found indicating where it was made. This omission I took to mean that it was one of those cheap and not very sure or safe revolvers intended to be sold by the gun stores, so that they could make a good big reach that it is the fault of the world which had not brightness enough to appreciate him. He thinks his speeches, his looks, his arguments at the bar, his general views as to politics and party management are the views of a great

Guiteau's books in a red cover, enti-From a piece of paper Mr. Corkhill tled, "Truth," a title which seems to unrolled one of the leaden slugs, the strike every sooundrel in the country tled, "Truth," a title which seems to ly in the air if the execution was pub second one Guiteau fired, and put it as the proper designation for his con-in my hand—a broken piece of lead about as long as a fingernail, consid-marked this book, and Guiteau himself had rewritten parts of it in ink, italicized places and made corrections, and written on the fly-leaf that this was a correct copy. Corrections must appear in future editions or something to plead and prove the truth of the to that effect. The district attorney charges, and he never pressed the

"Now this book has nothing in it indicative of an eccentric mind; nothmage as not having dignity enough when he argued for his Divine Master. He adduced one other clergyman, the duty. He has a wild look out of his Rev. Mr. Murray, of Boston, for having run away without paying his bills after having been considerable of a plausible, and as a borrower and showman, and said that it was a sad boarding house beat he is remarkable. He will ask for any amount as a loan,

entered the president's son' ought never to have seen the

and he telt the glass in his pack which he takes out to mend windows here or there cracked, as if struck by a ball. He become so scared that he instantly left the depot. When he and his intense temperament immediately featured upon it and carried it.

which such foolish stories have been thought his claims were considerable which such foolish stories have been told."

"Here," said the district-attorney, "are some photographs of him just as good as they can be taken. If you were to go down to the jail and see him you could have no better idea of him than you can get from these pictures. He may look a little dirtier and more significant, for these are not wholly absorbed by the other idea." full length pictures."

"It is not true, either," continued
Mr. Corkhill, "that he dogged the

"Well, Col. Corkhill, can you unskin was poor, and yet his mouth had derstand that a scheme of assassination

hove closed around him and left nothing there but the resources of a thief.

Not one of these pictures indicates a takes—that his motives were good; Frenchman of the same general type that God inspired them, and that the that put assassination with the regu- result shows that God was on his side, lar agencies of politics.

"Is this man crazy, Col. Corkhill?"

"No; he is neither crazy nor destitute of intelligence and requirements."

"How do you account for his being related to me how, at a single moment to perform. I will give you a chance of time, all his sins had escaped from to state to me what accomplices you had in this murder. You may give me whatever reply you choose, but I will know the truth. Every man and woman with whom you associate will be marked throughout this nation unless you relieve them by giving the names of your accomplices.

"'Well,' said Guiteau, 'that is easy enough. I am the very man who re-ceived the mission, and I did not receive it from the human source. am liable to be indicted and tried for the shooting of the president, but not for any other act of my life. You paid this bill or that bill, because that don't belong to this act. I shot the president. If he dies I can be tried for murder. If he does not die I can be sent to prison for a few years. That is all you can do.'

"I found that he had inquired into the laws of the district affecting this crime. He also expressed surprise that I would do such a brutal thing as to annoy his relatives, friends and acquaintances. I have seen no other signs of insanity about him," said Mr. Corkhill, "than this exalted idea of his own value, and of the utility and Here Col. Corkhill took up one of propriety of all his acts. He would go to the gallows with his head proudlic enough.

Mr. E. B. Wight, of Chicago, correspondent at Washington of The Tribune, said to me to-day: "I know Guiteau very well. He infested the Tribune office until he was called dead-beat in its columns. When he sued the paper for libel they proposed to plead and prove the truth of the charges, and he never pressed the suit. I think malice was a large part of his animus against Garfield. He had been repulsed both at the white house and state department. His great egotism tended to make him devilishly sensitive. He invari-

ing about for some means of revenge thought he would plead a religious éyes, and some people would think him crazy. His talk, however, is tried. Suicide he would probably lack the courage to try, but I have anticipated that some of the guards might kill him. I think that first

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